

REMARKS

In the April 19, 2004 Examiner's Answer, claims 15-19 remain rejected in view of prior art. Claim 20 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Status of Claims and Amendments

In this Amendment, Appellant wishes to amend claim 20 to rewrite it in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claims 15-20 are pending, with claims 15 and 20 being the only independent claims.

Appellant respectfully requests entrance of the above-indicated amendment to claim 20. Since the paragraph 3 of the April 19, 2004 Examiner's Answer indicates that claim 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, Appellant believes that this amendment to claim 20 renders the claim in condition for allowance and reduces the issues for appeal. Accordingly, Appellant respectfully requests entrance of the amendment and reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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